

51. (New) The labelled oligonucleotide of claim 36 wherein the oligonucleotide is cut by 5'-3' nuclease activity of a polymerase whereby the reporter dye and quencher dye are separated.

REMARKS

Entry of this Preliminary Amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested. Claims 36-51 are new. Claims 1-35 are hereby cancelled.

A restriction requirement was made in the Examiner's Office Action dated May 16, 2002 in application serial number 09/602,544. New claims 36-51 correspond to Group II (claims 56-71) of the restriction requirement.

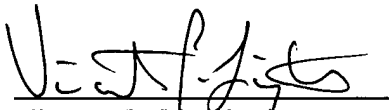
Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Early notice of allowance is respectfully requested.

FEE AUTHORIZATION

If any additional time extensions are required, such time extensions are hereby requested. If any additional fees not submitted with this paper are required, please take such fees from Applied Biosystems Deposit Account No. **01-2213 (Order No. 4378D3)**.

Respectfully submitted,

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